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SUBJ: PLENARY VOTE ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:
KHMER

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B) USUN 5568 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: PLENARY VOTED DOWN ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT TO
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT DEC. 17 BY 50 (YES) - 55 (NO) -
17 (ABSTAINED). BARODY SUBAMENDMENT WITHDRAWN AFTER BOTH
SIDES REGISTERED OPPOSITION. PLENARY THEN ADOPTED 108-0-9
CC REPORT, AS AMENDED WITH RESPECT TO PORTUGAL, (SEPTELS)
DISCUSS AMENDMENT REGARDING PORTUGAL AND PROVIDE
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DETAILS ON PLENARY DEBATE AND VOTE ON KHMER.). END SUMMARY.

1. PLENARY RESUMED DEBATE ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AFTERNOON DEC. 17. IN LATE MORNING MEETING, FRIENDLY ASIANS HAD DECIDED TO VOTE AGAINST RATHER THAN ABSTAIN ON SUB-AMENDMENT BY SAUDI REP BAROODY IN HOPE OF DEFEATING SAUDI SUB-AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, IN EARLY AFTERNOON, WE LEARNED THAT ALGERIANS AND OTHER PRO-SIHANOUK COSPONSORS WOULD SUPPORT BAROODY SUB-AMENDMENT. WE FELT AT THAT POINT THAT DEFEAT OF BAROODY AMENDMENT DOUBTFUL, AND THAT IF BAROODY AMENDMENT ADOPTED WITH PRO-SIHANOUK SUPPORT, ADOPTION OF ORIGINAL ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT LIKELY.

2. AFTER DEBATE UNDERWAY, BAROODY INTERVENED ON POINT OF ORDER TO ANNOUNCE FURTHER AMENDMENT TO HIS SUB-AMENDMENT, WITH THIS CHANGE IN LANGUAGE OF SUB-AMENDMENT, ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE READ: QUOTE... EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO THE CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, THAT SHOULD BE ONLY PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED UNTIL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMES FULLY AWARE OF WHICH CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT INSIDE CAMBODIA WIELDS AUTHORITY OVER THE MAJORITY OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE. UNQUOTE.

BEGIN NOFORN. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHY BAROODY MADE THIS CHANGE BUT BELIEVE IT WAS AT URGING OF AUSTRALIAN PERMREP MCINTYRE, WHO, IF HE DID SUGGEST IT TO BAROODY, DID SO WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH ASEANS AND OTHER FRIENDLY ASIANS. CHANGES THREW PRO-SIHANOUK DELS INTO CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AND MAY HAVE BEEN VERY DEFT, PURELY PERSONAL PLOY BY MCINTYRE. END NOFORN.

3. ALGERIANS, YUGOSLAVS AND CHINESE IMMEDIATELY DECIDED THEY WOULD OPPOSE AND CIRCULATED AMONG PRO-SIHANOUK SUPPORTERS TO PASS THE WORD. ALGERIA AND CHINA BOTH TOOK PODIUM TO EXPRESS STRONG OPPOSITION TO NEW BAROODY LANGUAGE. THAILAND, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIAN REPS ALSO SPOKE AGAINST BAROODY SUB-AMENDMENT (AS WELL AS AGAINST SIMPLE ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT). BAROODY SUB-AMENDMENT, NOW OPPOSED BY BOTH SIDES, WITHDRAWN BY BAROODY.
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4. CONFUSION INTRODUCED BY BAROODY ACTIONS, HAVING INITIALLY THREATENED OUR POSITION, THUS PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO SUBSEQUENT DEFEAT OF SIMPLE ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT.

5. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM JOINT ASIAN-US VOTE ESTIMATE AS OF DEC. 14 WERE: (A) FROM ABSTENTION TO VOTE AGAINST ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT: ICELAND, NORWAY, RWANDA; (B) FROM

VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT TO ABSTENTION: UGANDA (C) FROM
VOTE IN FAVOR TO ABSENCE: CAR, GAMBIA, UAE, ZAIRE.

6. FOLLOWING ADHERED TO VOTE FOR ANTI-KHMER AMENDMENT DE-
SPITE DEMARCHES SINCE DEC. 14: INDIA, JAMAICA, (BHUTAN
ABSTAINED).

7. FOR OSLO, HELSINKI, REYKAVIK, STOCKHOLM: AS
NOTED ABOVE, SPLITTING OF NORDICS CONTRIBUTED TO DEFEAT OF
AMENDMENT. NORWEGIAN PERMREP AALGARD TOLD US THAT, UPON
RECEIPT DEC. 17 OF INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN, HE TELEPHONED
FOREIGN MINISTER AND RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTING
HIM TO VOTE IN FAVOR, THUS ALSO FACILITATING ICELAND SWITCH.
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